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MEMORANDUM FOR: Security Office

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Request for Reconsideration of Decision by this office
25X1A on Quarters Allowance for

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1. [REDACTED] has requested this office to reconsider a decision of September 8, 1952 regarding the nature of the quarters allowance to which he was entitled while serving overseas with [REDACTED]. On the basis of this decision he has received sizable overpayments on account of quarters allowance

2. In the course of our reconsideration of our decision we have examined [REDACTED] initial letter of appointment as a staff agent and are able to find no basis for revising our original position that his entitlement to quarters allowance should be in strict accordance with normal government and CIA regulations. His earlier letter contains nothing with respect to his right to retain allowances paid by [REDACTED] in excess of those computed by government standards. In the absence of any such provision, [REDACTED] is subject to the usual government rules. It might be brought to [REDACTED] attention that the underlying statutory authority in the matter of overseas quarters for government civilian personnel is the provision of quarters in kind and where such are not available an allowance in lieu thereof. The allowance is intended to defray only the actual expenses of living quarters within maximum limitations. Particular regulations implementing this authority as applied to [REDACTED] case were quoted or cited in our decision of September 8, 1952. We were there aware of the fundamental difference that [REDACTED] has noted between the military and civilian entitlement to quarters allowance. This difference is grounded in statute.

3. We can appreciate [REDACTED] discomfort over his appearance of relying upon his wife for a portion of his support and his inability to live within his salary in his efforts to do a creditable job. However, if his work compelled him to sustain expenses beyond normal living costs commensurate with one of his grade, appropriate mechanisms existed

to permit him to obtain approval of such amounts as reimbursable expenses. The method of relief should not lie in retention of an improperly computed allowance for quarters which, as stated above, is intended only for one specific purpose.

25X1A 4. We would be pleased to discuss this case further with you or [REDACTED]

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